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Dr. Ben E. Carlsen  
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Dear Provost Carlsen:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on June 3-5, 2001, reviewed the institutional self study report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health on March 20-22, 2001. I am pleased to inform you that accreditation has been reaffirmed, with a requirement that the college complete an Interim Report. The report will be followed by a visit by Commission representatives.

The Commission asks that an Interim Report be submitted by November 1, 2002. The Interim Report should focus on the recommendations from the evaluation team noted below:

1. That the college consider devoting additional resources to the collection and analysis of data so that college-wide research findings can be used in assessing, planning, implementation and evaluation. (Standard 3A.1)
2. That the college further its efforts in college-wide comprehensive, integrated planning that reflects broad participation by all constituencies of the college. This planning needs to be based on clear measures of student outcome and sound research and consider long-term and short-term needs relative to academic programs, facilities and the resulting fiscal implications. (Standard 3A.2, 8.5, and 9C.4)
3. That the college address the specific needs of the Allied Health Division in program development and leadership to assist this division to become more fully integrated and unified within the college to enhance institutional effectiveness and student success. (Standard 4A.1, 4A.4 and 7A.1)

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The Commission commends the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health for its many services designed to assist students to succeed, for its commitment to student and staff diversity, for the current *Strategic Plan 2000-2005*, and for the planning, energy and patience that was involved in affecting program mergers and the move to the new facility.

I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college self study.

The recommendations contained in the evaluation team report represent the observations of the evaluation team at the time of the visit. The Commission reminds you that an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the team report, but we do expect that the report will be used to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

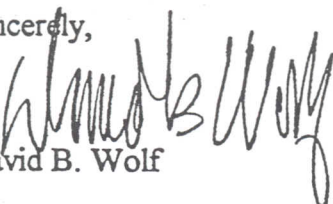
All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health should submit the Midterm Report by November 1, 2003. Midterm Reports indicate progress toward meeting the evaluation team's recommendations and forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation. The college also includes a summary of progress on college-identified concerns as expressed in the self study. Information about the Midterm Report is found in the 1997 Guide to Institutional Self Study and Reports to the Commission.

The college conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission suggests that the plans for improvement of the institution included in that document be taken into account in the continuing development of Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health. The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during academic year 2006-2007.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to remind you that federal legislation affecting accrediting agencies requires that accredited colleges conduct systematic assessment of educational outcomes (see especially Standards Three and Four). A further requirement is that accrediting agencies pay close attention to student loan default rates.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and quality.

Sincerely,



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